

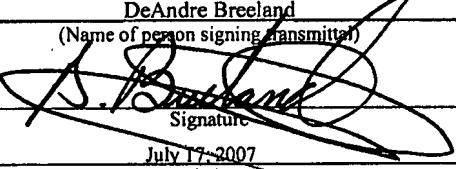
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/996,019  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR  
CONTROLLING AND SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP  
OPERATION OF AN APPARATUS OVER A  
NETWORK (AS AMENDED)  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 21, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 21, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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